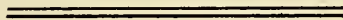


less, the moths swarmed at light, including one each of *Autographa bractea* D. & S., *Aporophyla luneburgensis* Frey., and *Lithomoia solidaginis* Hubn. *Xestia agathina* Duponchel, *X. castanea* Esper and *Paradiarsia glareosa* Esper came in small numbers, accompanied by hoards of *Diarsia dahlia* Hbn, a species common throughout our stay.

The last night of our visit looked more promising when we set up in the woods near Kilvecht but a chilly wind soon put paid to our hopes and little of note was seen. Day work was virtually impossible but we did find commonly larvae of *Clostera pigra* Hufn., spun up in the willow and a number of yet unidentified micro larvae on bog myrtle at Trinafour (one of which has since produced a moth of *Acleris maccana* Treits.) In all, a pleasant trip, entomologically rather disappointing but made enjoyable by the magnificent scenery and pleasant accommodation.



SYNDYAS NIGRIPES ZETTERSTEDT (DIPTERA : HYBOTIDAE)
IN SOMERSET — During the late afternoon of 5 July 1985 I visited Shapwick Heath National Nature Reserve and sampled Diptera by sweeping the field layer peatland vegetation and the foliage of some carr (mainly alder) within the meadow at grid ref. ST 440 393. Amongst the Empidoidea from this locality identified during the course of the evening was a single female *Syndyas nigripes* Zett., a species hitherto known in Britain only from a bog in the Mark Ash Enclosure of the New Forest, Hants. (Collin, 1961, Empididae, *British Flies* 6:234-235, Cambridge University Press) where it was found by E. A. Fonseca, J. Cowley and J. E. Collin in July 1954. There have been no subsequent British records that I am aware of, so it is particularly pleasing that Collin's guarded prediction ("may well be found elsewhere in Great Britain" p. 235 *op. cit.*) has at last been fulfilled — DR. I. F. G. MCLEAN, Nature Conservancy Council, Northminster House, Peterborough PE1 1UA.

CHRYSODEIXIS CHALCITES ESP. (GOLDEN TWIN-SPOT) IN DORSET — a male of this immigrant species came to my garden m.v. on the night of 9th September, and was found sitting on a door frame near the trap at dawn. This is a new record for VC10. The night was warm with light variable wind, and total cloud cover. Together with other entomologists, a number of lights were run on my local cliffs on the 10th, and then at Portland on the 11th. Apart from a small number of *Autographa gamma* there were no signs of other immigrant species. E. H. WILD, 7 Abbots Close, Highcliffe, Christchurch, Dorset.